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TOPIC Strashof Airfield

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1. Sixty Pe-2s were stationed at the Strashof (F 49/S 50) airfield on 14 August 1950. They were parked in 3 rows of 11 planes, 2 rows of 12 planes and 3 individual planes. There was much activity by the ground personnel. The setting up of antennas was practiced on some radio trucks.

2. Thirty young officers were being instructed near the officers quarters in Strashof. Soldiers with closely cropped hair entered and left the quarters which were apparently fully occupied.

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3. Work was being done on three Pe-2s in the aircraft repair shop of Deutsch-Wagram. All of the planes had a ventral turret but the weapon had apparently been dismantled. There was a strut fitted on both sides of the rear of the engine leading to the bottom side of the wings. \*\*

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4. Two air force soldiers, overheard in the PX on 3 August 1950, said that new student pilots are expected at the pilot school between 8 and 13 August 1950, and that 69 aircraft are now stationed at the field. \*\*\*

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\*  Comment. The occupation of the field has not changed compared with a previous report.  Two regiments of the 8th Gds Bmr Div are obviously stationed at the field. The third bomber regiment, previously also stationed in Strashof, is presumably still at the Parndorf airfield.

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\*\*  Comment. The aircraft repair shop was previously reported. See  This is the first information that the Pe-2s had struts leading from the engine to the wings. These struts are presumably fitted to increase the resistance of the wings.

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\*\*\* [redacted] Comment. The information is doubted because, according to all previous statements, regular bomber regiments have been stationed at the field. The designation "pilot school" was rarely mentioned even if young pilots of the regiments were being trained.

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